

Dear Dave Hendricks,

After careful review of your FOIA request, CBP-2019-007011, we have determined that your request is too broad in scope or did not specifically identify the records which you are seeking. *FOIA is not a search mechanism*. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort.

We are attempting to craft search terms for the communications you are seeking, please advise on which phrases you wish us to use for your search. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

This is not a denial of your request for records. Please respond within 10 business days with the desired search phrases, by logging into your existing FOIAOnline account or creating an account at <https://foiaonline.gov>.

Sincerely,

U.S. Customs and Border Protection